

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Bureau of Export Administration****Initiation of National Security Investigation of Imports of Iron Ore and Semi-Finished Steel**

AGENCY: Bureau of Export Administration, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, Strategic Analysis Division, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of initiation of national security investigation and request for public comments.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise the public that an investigation has been initiated under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1862), to determine the effects on the national security of imports of iron ore and semi-finished steel. Interested parties are invited to submit written comments, opinions, data, information, or advice relative to the investigation to the Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

DATES: Comments must be received by April 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send three copies of written comments to Brad Botwin, Director, Strategic Analysis Division, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3876, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brad Botwin, Director, Strategic Analysis Division, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4060, bbotwin@bxa.doc.gov or Michael Vaccaro, Trade and Industry Analyst, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-8232, mvacarro@bxa.doc.gov. For more information about the section 232 program, including the regulations and the text of previous investigations, see www.doc-bxa.bmpcoe.org under "Programs."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On February 1, 2001, the Department of Commerce initiated an investigation under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1862), to determine the effects on the national security of imports of iron ore and semi-finished steel. The findings and recommendations of the investigation are to be reported by the Secretary of Commerce to the President not later than October 29, 2001.

The iron ore and semi-finished steel products to be investigated include:

1. Iron Ore:

—Briquettes
—Pellets
—Sinter
2. Semi-finished Steel

—Ingots
—Billets
—Blooms
—Slab

This investigation is being undertaken in accordance with part 705 of the National Security Industrial Base Regulations (15 CFR parts 700 to 709) (the "regulations"). Interested parties are invited to submit written comments, opinions, data, information, or advice relevant to this investigation to the Office of Strategic Industries & Economic Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, no later than April 9, 2001. The Department is particularly interested in comments and information directed to the criteria listed in § 705.4 of the regulations as they affect national security, including the following: (a) Quantity of the article in question or other circumstances related to the importation of the articles subject to the investigation; (b) Domestic production and productive capacity needed for those articles to meet protected national defense requirements; (c) Existing and anticipated availability of human resources, products, raw materials, production equipment, and facilities to produce these items; (d) Growth requirements of domestic industries to meet national defense requirements and/or requirements to assure such growth; (e) The impact of foreign competition on the economic welfare of the domestic industry; and (f) The displacement of any domestic products causing substantial unemployment, decrease in the revenues of government, loss of investment or specialized skills and productive capacity, or other serious effects.

Those wishing to comment should submit three copies of all materials. Material that is national security classified information or business confidential information will be exempted from public disclosure as provided for by § 705.6 of the regulations. Anyone submitting business confidential information should clearly identify the business confidential portion of the submission, then file a statement justifying nondisclosure and reference to the specific legal authority claimed, and provide a non-confidential submission which can be placed in the public file. Communications from agencies of the United States Government will not be made available for public inspection.

If public hearings are held in support of this investigation, a separate **Federal Register** notice will be published.

The Bureau of Export Administration does not maintain a separate public inspection facility. Requesters should first view the Bureau's webpage, which can be found at <http://www.bxa.doc.gov> (see FOIA heading). If requesters cannot access the website, they may call 202-482-2165 for assistance. The records related to this assessment are made accessible in accordance with the regulations published in part 4 of title 15 of the Code of Federal Regulations (15 CFR 4.1 *et seq.*).

Dated: February 1, 2001.

Matthew Borman,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A-570-851]

Certain Preserved Mushrooms From the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Results of New Shipper Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, United States Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of extension of the time limit for the preliminary results in the new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on certain preserved mushrooms from the People's Republic of China.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Commerce ("the Department") is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on certain preserved mushrooms from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"). This review covers the period February 1, 2000 through July 31, 2000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 6, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David J. Goldberger or Rebecca Trainor, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4136 or (202) 482-4007, respectively.

Postponement of Preliminary Results of Administrative Review

On October 2, 2000, the Department initiated a new shipper review (65 FR

58735) of the antidumping duty order on certain preserved mushrooms from the PRC. The current deadline for the preliminary results in this review is March 21, 2001.

In accordance with section 751 (a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act"), as amended, we determine that it is not practicable to complete this review of Green Fresh Foods (Zhangzhou) Co., Ltd. within the original time frame because of the additional time required to conduct verification. Thus, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until May 31, 2001.

Dated: January 30, 2001.

Susan H. Kuhbach,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-851]

Certain Preserved Mushrooms from the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Final Results of New Shipper Review and Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, United States Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of extension of the time limit for the final results in the new shipper review and administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain preserved mushrooms from the People's Republic of China.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Commerce ("the Department") is extending the time limit for the final results of the new shipper review and administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain preserved mushrooms from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"). These reviews cover the period August 5, 1998, through January 31, 2000, and are being conducted concurrently.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 6, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David J. Goldberger or Kate Johnson, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4136 or (202) 482-4929, respectively.

Postponement of Final Results of Administrative Review

On March 21, 2000 and March 30, 2000, respectively, the Department initiated a new shipper review (65 FR 17257) and an administrative review (65 FR 16875) of the antidumping duty order on certain preserved mushrooms from the PRC. Pursuant to section 351.214(j)(3) of its regulations, and with the agreement of Raoping Xingyu Foods Co., Ltd. ("Raoping"), the company which requested the new shipper review, the Department is conducting the 1998-2000 administrative review and the new shipper review of Raoping concurrently. The current deadline for the final results in these reviews is March 7, 2001.

In accordance with section 751 (a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act"), as amended, we determine that it is not practicable to complete these reviews within the original time frame because of the additional time required to conduct verification and to analyze issues raised in the administrative review. Thus, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the final results until May 31, 2001, in accordance with § 351.213(h)(2) of the Department's regulations.

Dated: January 30, 2001.

Susan H. Kuhbach,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for February 15, 2001 at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission's offices at the National Building Museum, Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 441 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001-2728. Items of discussion affecting the appearance of Washington, DC, may include buildings, parks and memorials.

Draft agendas are available to the public one week prior to the meeting. Inquiries regarding the agenda and requests to submit written or oral statements should be addressed to Charles H. Atherton, Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address or call 202-504-2200. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Dated in Washington, DC, January 30, 2001.

Charles H. Atherton,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

[OMB Control Number 0704-0386]

Information Collection Requirements; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Small Business Programs

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. DoD invites comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection requirement for use through December 31, 2001. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through December 31, 2004.

DATES: DoD will consider all comments received by April 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: E-mailed comments are preferred. Submit comments to: dfars@acq.osd.mil. Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0386 in the subject line.

Respondents that cannot submit comments by e-mail may submit comments to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Susan L. Schneider, OUSD (AT&L) DP (DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062; facsimile (703) 602-0350. Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0386.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Susan L. Schneider, (703) 602-0326.